

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant thanks the examiner for the indication that claims 2-20 contain allowable subject matter.

The drawings are objected to. In Fig. 11, the legend –Prior Art– has been added.

The title of the invention is objected to. A new title has been provided that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

The disclosure is objected to. The specification and abstract has been amended to correct the informalities as requested by the examiner.

Claim 1 has been amended to correct the informality as requested by the examiner.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tonomoto (U.S. Patent No. 5,066,983) in view of Ogiri et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,730,205). For at least the following reasons, the examiner's rejection is respectfully traversed.

None of the references disclose or suggest “said cleaning blade being pressingly secured to said recess by said photosensitive member” as recited in claim 1.

Tonomoto discloses a cleaning blade 51 secured to a supporting member 55 (col. 6, lines 46-47; Figs. 3 and 4). In Tonomoto, the blade supporting member 55 is slidably received in the longitudinal direction over the cleaning housing bottom member 54a, and then the members 54a and 55 are *fixed to each other by the use of a clamping structure*, which is not shown in the drawings (col. 6, lines 47-68).

Since the cleaning blade supporting member 55 and the cleaning housing bottom member 54a in Tonomoto are secured to each other by a clamping structure, the Tonomoto cleaning blade is *not pressingly secured by the photosensitive member* to the cleaning housing bottom member 54a. Therefore, Tonomoto fails to disclose or suggest a cleaning blade being *pressingly secured to a recess by the photosensitive member* as in the claimed invention. Therefore, even if combined, the references do not disclose or suggest all the elements of the claimed invention.

Furthermore, there is no suggestion or motivation for one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to combine Ogiri with Tonomoto to arrive at the claimed invention. In Tonomoto, the cleaning blade 51 is located in a cleaning housing 54, and the cleaning blade supporting member 55 and the cleaning housing bottom member 54a are secured to each other by a clamping structure (col. 6, lines 46-68). In Ogiri, the cleaning blade 3 is located in a toner collecting housing 8, and the cleaning blade 3 is secured to a shaft 3b through a mounting member 3a (col. 9, lines 14-18).

There is no suggestion or motivation in Tonomoto to modify the cleaning housing to include the photoconductive drum 21. Therefore, there is no need or motivation to look at or use the Ogiri toner collecting housing elements to modify the Tonomoto cleaning housing. The desirability to have such a housing is found only in the Applicant's own description of the invention, in contrast to the requirement that the teaching or suggestion to make the modification must be found in the prior art and not based on an applicant's disclosure. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection based upon the combination of references is respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the


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application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 36103.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached drawing sheet includes a change to Fig. 11. This sheet replaces the original sheet including Fig. 11. The legend "Prior Art" has been added to Fig. 11.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet